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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, EEC, GW, GE, WB
SUBJECT: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME AND BERLIN

1. IN FEBRUARY 15 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (VON ARNIM) REPORTED TO ALLIES THAT BERLIN WISHED TO GO ALONG WITH THE FRG IF IT INTRODUCES DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN THE SUMMER OF 1978.

2. AS BACKGROUND, VON ARNIM SAID THAT THE MEASURE IS PART OF AN EC-COORDINATED EFFORT TO SAVE ENERGY IN THE COMMUNITY. ON FEBRUARY 3, 1976, THE EC COMMISSION PROPOSED TO THE COUNCIL THAT A DIRECTIVE BE ISSUED TO THE EFFECT THAT EC MEMBERS ADOPTING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME SHOULD ALL PUT IT INTO OPERATION AND TERMINATE IT ON THE SAME DATES. THE FOLLOWING TIME PERIODS WERE SELECTED:

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1978 APRIL 2 - OCTOBER 15

1979 APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 14

3. VON ARNIM CONTINUED THAT BUNDESTAG LEGISLATION WOULD SOON BE INTRODUCED AUTHORIZING THE INTERIOR

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MINISTRY TO ISSUE A REGULATION INSTITUTING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN THE FRG IN 1978. THE QUESTION, OF COURSE, AROSE AS TO WHETHER IT SHOULD ALSO BE INTRODUCED IN BERLIN. VON ARNIM SAID THE FRG KNEW THAT THE GDR WAS ALSO CONSIDERING THE INTRODUCTION OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BUT HAD NOT YET REACHED A DECISION. IF THE GDR DID NOT DO SO, THEN THERE WOULD BE A TIME SPLIT IN THE CITY WITH POSSIBLE RESULTING PROBLEMS WITH SERVICES SUCH AS THE S-BAHN. NEVERTHELESS, THE GOVERNING MAYOR HAS OPTED FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME FOR BERLIN IF IT IS INTRODUCED IN THE FRG, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE GDR DOES.

4. VON ARNIM CONCLUDED THAT HIS REMARKS WERE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. THE QUESTION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME WAS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THIS WEEK'S CABINET MEETING.

5. ALLIED REPS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE DECISION COULD CAUSE SOME DIFFICULTIES, AT FIRST GLANCE, THEY DID NOT PERCEIVE ANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

6. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE ONLY POSSIBILITY OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS ARISING IN THIS CONNECTION IS IF THE GDR DOES NOT ADOPT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. THEN, IT IS IMAGINABLE THAT A VARIETY OF TRANSPORTATION RELATED PROBLEMS COULD OCCUR -- E.G., SCHEDULES AND MIDNIGHT EXPIRATION OF GDR VISAS. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, IS THAT THERE ARE NO CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUES HERE WHICH REQUIRE ALLIED INVOLVEMENT.
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